

**Town of Garner
Town Council Summary
July 21, 2015**

The Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in the Council Meeting Room.

A CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Ronnie Williams

Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Marshburn, Council Members Behringer, Johns, Kennedy and Singleton

B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jonathan Lopez, Scout Troop 331, Church of Latter Day Saints

C INVOCATION: Council Member Kennedy

D PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

Jim Cannady, 367 Cranston Road, Garner, NC. Mr. Cannady thanked Paul Cox, Garner's Public Works Director for taking care of a matter he reported on Monday that was done on Monday.

E ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Johns
Second: Marshburn
Vote: Unanimous

F PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of Retirement of Gerald Strickland for his 32 Years of Service to the Town
Presenter: Hardin Watkins, Town Manager
2. Recognition of Public Works Employee of the Year – Donna Huff
Presenter: Paul Cox, Public Works Director
3. Presentation to Police and Fire Departments for their Service to Garner from Friends of Hometown Heroes
Presenter: Wade Rosser, Friends of Hometown Heroes

G CONSENT

1. Minutes from June 1 Regular Meeting and June 30 Work Session

Action: Adopt Minutes

2. Resolution to Accept Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant for 3rd Year Funding of DWI Enforcement Officer

This GHSP grant covers 3rd and final year funding of our DWI Enforcement Officer position which is covered through a 70% federal share and 30% local match. This funding will be \$70,267.00 and \$30,114.00 from our General Fund. The local match was funded in the FY15-16 budget.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. (2015) 2259

3. Resolution to Establish 2016 Employee Holiday Schedule

The attached Resolution sets forth the Town of Garner Employee holidays for 2016.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. (2015) 2260

4. Ordinance Amending FY 2015 – 2016 Operating Budget

This budget amendment transfers \$2,450 from funds turned over by the Veterans' Memorial Committee to install a concrete handicap parking pad near the Veterans' Memorial at Lake Benson Park and \$6,120 in Contingency for the MAPS Group study of salaries for GVFR, Inc.

Action: Adopt Ordinance No. (2015) 3782

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

H OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. US Hwy 70 Right-of-Way Mowing Request for Proposal
Presented by: Rodney Dickerson, Assistant Town Manager-Operations

The purpose of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain quotes and/or bids for providing U.S. Highway 70 right of way mowing and landscape services for the Town of Garner from and including the Welcome sign location at the Raynor Road intersection westward to and including the Welcome sign location at the intersection of Mechanical Boulevard. The work includes bi-weekly mowing and scheduled horticultural care of all established grasses and vegetation within the designated area.

Action: Approved Request for Proposal Documents as Presented

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Singleton
Vote: Unanimous

I COMMITTEE REPORTS

J MANAGER REPORTS

1. Garner info
2. Finance & Investment
3. Request received to hold public hearing for Solar Farm Project on 8/18/2015
4. Congratulations to Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Marshburn and Council Members Kennedy and Johns on their upcoming election which has been unchallenged by other candidates.

K ATTORNEY REPORTS

L COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Behringer

- Asked who to call with enforcement issues. Mr. Watkins said to send those to Colleen Doig in the Inspections Department. Les Harmon will fill in on a part time basis. Tony Beasley, Inspections Director will help and Paul Ray is working under contract.
- Received calls and e-mails from Jennifer Sheldon and is not sure what this is about. Mr. Marshburn said Ms. Sheldon is with an environmental group who is asking Governor McCroy for legislation that will require permit approval from a municipality for any fracking.
- Requested staff ask the contractor at Walgreens to move any cones from the roadway that are not necessary.

Mayor Pro Tem Marshburn

- Enjoyed the Mayor's Association Summer Outing at the Mudcats game; it is a good opportunity to interact with people in other municipalities.
- Appreciates the opportunity to run unopposed for the first time. He said this sets the bar on the Council to continue working on a high level and doing good things for the Town.

Council Member Singleton

- Congratulations to his colleagues on running unopposed.
- Regarding the incident at Thompson Road Park. The police were called to a stabbing incident at a rental event in the park. This person rented the park frequently and it is reported they have kegs of beer. This group was to be out by 5:00 PM, but the incident happened after 6:00 PM. This park is isolated and buffered. He noted we have a park ranger and asked how many times someone drives over there and checks on the park. He said he feels either a ranger, police or whoever should be checking at least every four to five hours.

Mr. Dickerson said this was a soccer game event and around 100 spectators were in the park. Regarding monitoring, this person is a long time renter; he has rented the park for years with no incidents. The primary duty of a park ranger is to pick up trash

and clean shelter areas in the parks for the next renter; there is no one to check on that park. Staff has suspended that renter from using the field over the next four to six weeks. If he is allowed to come back, he will be asked to hire police or parks and recreation staff to monitor the entire rental time. Staff will close the field from any renters for now and use this time to get grass established.

Council Member Singleton asked what hours they rent the park. Mr. Dickerson said they rent the park all day and have soccer games throughout the day with spectators; they pay in advance. Council Member Singleton said he feels they may have known no one was checking on them. He said he feels what staff is suggesting will work; it is not acceptable that they occupy the park from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. without a town representative checking on them. Mr. Dickerson said going forward, staff will be more diligent.

Council Member Singleton asked if there is signage stating no alcohol is allowed. Mr. Dickerson said there are signs at the park and in the rental contract. Council Member Singleton suggested the signs should be bilingual.

Council Member Singleton asked that staff review this situation and let Council know what they decide. Mr. Dickerson said one of the changes being considered is using it for youth fields and not allowing adults. This will also allow some rest time to get the grass growing again.

Deputy Chief Copeland said the Police staff ran statistics at the park and this is the first incident that has occurred.

- Asked if we sent a letter to the Drury Inn about a schedule of their construction plans. Mr. Watkins said the letter was sent and he and a representative have been exchanging voice mails, but they have been in touch.
- Appears a traffic signal at US 70 and WakeMed is warranted as stated in the site plan. The installation should be complete in August.
- Asked if anyone knows what utility work is going on at Aversboro Road. Mr. Dickerson said AT&T is installing fiber optic cable.
- Reported Allstar went the extra mile by helping someone who needed trash picked up over the weekend. Mr. Simms himself picked up the trash on Sunday and checked again on Wednesday.

Council Member Kennedy

- Discussed phone calls previously mentioned by Council Member Behringer. The calls are from an environmental organization based out of New York. They want local governments to pick up the cause and make an effort that local government has more say so on rules, particularly when fracking is allowed. He told them he did not think this will rise high with this Council since we are not affected by fracking.
- Asked about the agenda for the Growth Strategies Task Force meeting on Thursday at White Deer Park at 9:00. Mr. Hodges provided some highlights.

- Council and Mayor are running unopposed which he feels means expectations are high by folks in Garner. He said we have successes and standards to maintain; we are all ready for challenge and look forward to it.

M ADJOURNMENT: 8:30

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Marshburn